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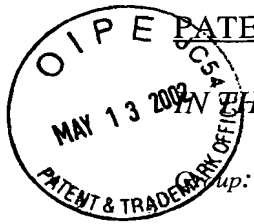
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Dear Sir:

This statement is filed in the application identified above pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Applicant calls attention to the art references within the knowledge of applicant and its attorney which are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. No representation is intended that a complete search has been made or that no better art references are available. The filing of this statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in 1.56(b).

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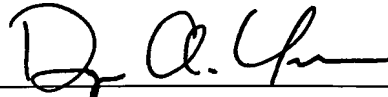
None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies are not provided of references previously submitted to, or cited by, the Office in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/655,127, filed on September

5, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,336,235, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/018,542, filed on February 4, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,163,903, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/511,711, filed on August 4, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,715,548, which are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

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Respectfully submitted,



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